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Town council combines reserve accounts

BY KEVIN VINK
 Review Staff

The Town of Didsbury has recently made changes to its numerous reserve accounts put aside for a variety of projects.

Town council approved amalgamating some smaller accounts into larger ones during the meeting on Jan. 22.

Chief Financial Officer Nita Bartholow explained the reason for the amalgamations.

"I've been here for about six months and even the staff that have been here much longer are not sure where some of (the accounts) originated, or what the purpose of them are," said Bartholow.

In most cases, these reserve funds are set up for use when certain things in town need repairs or replacement, as well as special projects, she noted.

"There was two of (the accounts that were amalgamated into other funds) that

were specified for projects and the projects were done, the funds were just never moved back into operations," she said.

"So instead of moving them back into operations and then having me reserve them under another name, we'll just leave them where they are and amalgamate them under something," she explained.

In total, the town has about \$1,345,126 in reserves, comprised of 14 reserves after the amalgamation, according to Bartholow.

The public reserve account has \$51,746 and the reserve for a new fire hall has \$99,595.

Vehicle and equipment replacement accounts were combined with industrial subdivision, for a total of \$24,543.

The water and well monitor accounts were combined for a total of \$314,839.

Off-site levies for water reserves stayed untouched at \$92,822 and off-site water

distribution levies were also left alone, with \$49,465 in reserve.

Wastewater and the account for the lower cell lagoon were combined for a total of \$309,630, under a new wastewater account.

Wastewater treatment off-site levies and wastewater collection off-site levies sit at \$223,326 and \$10,837, respectively in reserves.

The cemetery land replacement account was renamed the cemetery account, with a reserve of \$13,717.


There is \$4,528 in the train station maintenance account, \$17,941 in the Centennial Trail account and \$392 in the skateboard park reserve.

Lastly, the arena reserve, recreation maintenance, curling rink, curling rink floor replacement, and 5-0 Club parking lot reserves were all combined into the recreation facilities reserve, for a total of \$98,062.



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Bartholow speaks during budget talks last week.



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Fatal rollover north of Cremona Friday morning

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

A single vehicle rollover near Cremona Friday killed one man and left a Didsbury man in critical condition.

In the early morning of Jan. 25, Didsbury RCMP were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover on Highway 22, two kilometres north of Cremona.

A short section of the highway was closed and traffic was rerouted for five hours while emergency services responded to the crash, said Cpl. Warren Wright.

"Upon arrival, emergency personnel observed a severely damaged white Dodge one-ton pickup in the east ditch," said Wright. "Two male occupants were found on the ground near

the pickup, having been apparently ejected from the rollover."

One man, a 29-year-old male from Didsbury was critically injured and taken by STARS Air Ambulance to the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary, and he is unable to provide police with any information at this time, he added.

The other occupant, a 24-year-old male from Barriere, B.C. was found dead at the scene.

"Originally he was from Barriere, B.C. all his family is in B.C., so we can't release any names, because although we have tentatively identified him, we would need a family member to identify him," he said.

"They were driving north-bound, entered the east ditch, and I can speculate

why, but that's up to the collision analysts to say for sure," he noted.

"They entered the east ditch, went over a bit of an approach, and rolled multiple times. It appears both occupants were ejected from the vehicle."

The exact time of the crash is not known, he said, though alcohol is believed to have been a factor.

He noted that the 29-year-old from Didsbury was conscious when emergency crews arrived and told them that he and the other man had been drinking.

"Alcohol was located in the vehicle and it could be smelled on the occupants and the one occupant that lived stated that alcohol had been consumed - though I don't know if anybody was impaired," he said.



The remains of the truck involved in the rollover accident north of Cremona. The truck is being stored in the yard of Res-Q towing.



PATROLLING - Rochelle Byiers stops traffic after school to allow students to cross 23 Avenue near Ross Ford Elementary. The schools are currently looking for more crossing guards to help Byiers and her daughter with patrols.

Regional crime stats: 2012

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

The Didsbury RCMP recently released the total crime statistics for the year of 2012, comparing them to 2011, and Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said there are a couple of things that concern him and his staff.

"Tough economic times lead to fraud," he said, "and we're seeing a rise in Internet-based fraud, such as email scams and (those that utilize) Kijiji."

Fraud is a major concern for the detachment, he noted, as the reported number of frauds rose from 24 in 2011 to 52 in 2012.

Jacobson did note, however, that a rise in the number of reported incidents may not correlate to a rise in the number of actual occurrences, because a greater awareness of the problem may be spurring

residents to report crimes when they do occur.

"These are just the crimes that have been reported to us," he added.

Assaults, threats, and harassment reports rose from 160 in 2011 to 212 in 2012, he said, noting that Internet, text, social media and physical assaults all fall into this category.

Mischief and false alarm calls dropped significantly in the last year due to a couple of factors, he said.

Mischief calls dropped from 160 in 2011 to 111 in 2012, and false alarm calls dropped from 276 in 2011 to 202 in 2012.

Jacobson credited the false alarm bylaws recently passed in Didsbury and Carstairs for the drop.

"I'm pleased to see that those calls finally scaled back after years of growth," he said.

He also noted that bar

walks and nighttime person checks by the police are likely a factor in the lowered number of mischief reports.

As for the rest of the crime statistics, many rose or lowered slightly, he added.

"Certainly the area we police continues to be a very safe area, due to a lot of community support in helping keep the area safe," said Jacobson. "We appreciate the community assistance provided by the Citizens On Patrol (COP), the Rural Crime Watch (RCW), school patrols, and all the other people who contribute to keeping our communities safe."

"We're only one part of the puzzle and encourage people to help the community by keeping their eyes and ears open, because we as police can only do so much."

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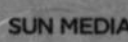
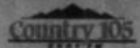
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DIAMOND JUBILEE - From left to right, Cpt. Walter O'Dell, Cpt. Michael O'Dell, MP Blake Richards, Ruth Jepson, Mayor Brian Wittal, and CAO Roy Brown. Richards attended town council on Jan. 22 to present the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal to those who have demonstrated service to the community, the province, and to Canada. Firechief Pat Dodman was also a recipient, but was unable to attend council that night.

DOSCA program receives provincial accreditation

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

The Didsbury Out of School Care Association (DOSCA) program has been working diligently for the past two years to achieve accreditation with the province of Alberta, according to officials.

Their efforts were not in vain, as the organization was recently given accreditation status, which means a couple of things, explains Tammy Ackerman, adoptive facilitator for DOSCA. "There were a couple reasons (we wanted accreditation)," said Ackerman.

"One, is it allows us to have additional funding to help with staff, and then the other one is that with accreditation status stan-

dards, you are well-known for your high-quality childcare."

This voluntary process for early learning and care programs in Alberta measures the quality of care being provided in an applying program against a rigorous set of standards and criteria, according to a press release from the town.

Ackerman said to qualify for accreditation, staff had to meet a number of requirements.

"We had to create different policies," said Ackerman.

"We had to create five different portfolios for each one of the standards, we had to have families interviewed, and we also had to have staff interviewed

through the accreditation process."

Staff also attended a variety of training courses in order to ensure they were properly certified, she noted.

"It was a very long process to get here. We worked very hard and we are very happy and satisfied with the results and we are excited to keep moving forward," she added.

The DOSCA program - run as a cost-recovery program by the Town of Didsbury - operates on school days at the Ross Ford Elementary School and offers out-of-school programming at the Didsbury Memorial Complex during school breaks and throughout the summer, according to offi-

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Opinion

Editorial

Health-care battles benefit no one

While the majority Canadians continue to oppose increased private health-care delivery in their respective provinces, Albertans are now almost equally split on the issue, according to a new national survey.

The findings point to protracted and divisive political battles on the Alberta health-care front in the months to come. Whether patients in West Central Alberta will be caught up in the melee remains anyone's guess.

What is certain is that the Redford government must now know that it will be treading on dangerous ground

if it moves towards or away from more private health-care delivery in this province. Whichever way they move, if they move, the Tories will face opponents ready and willing to fight.

Conducted by EKOS Research Associates for The Conference Board of Canada's Canadian Alliance for Sustainable Health Care the survey found that while three out of five Canadians oppose increased private health-care service, only half of Albertans share the same view.



DAN SINGLETON

Forty-eight per cent of Alberta respondents said they believe private delivery of health services could improve efficiency and reduce wait-times. The national average is only 36 per cent.

The survey also found that support for private health-care delivery increases with income – the more a person makes, the more they are in support of two-tiered health care.

"These results show that private delivery of health care is still contentious in the country," said Louis Theriault, Conference Board director of health economics. "Albertans appear more open to the idea than the rest of Canada."

"Private health care encompasses many different ideas, including out-of-pocket payments for services and health-care services delivered by private practitioners, clinics and other institutions."

With health care continuing to be the most expensive public service provided by the Alberta government, the Redford Tories will naturally want to continue to examine ways to make sure that investment is sustainable.

Whether more private health care is the solution to the long-term health-care needs of Albertans remains an open question. But knowing that the population is more or less evenly divided on the issue can't make things any easier for the decision makers and their political masters in the Redford cabinet.

Alberta patients, just like their counterparts elsewhere in Canada, continue to face many challenges in gaining the medical services they are guaranteed under the Canada Health Act.

With the premier admitting last week that Alberta's finances have fallen into poor condition under her leadership, those challenges may only get worse in the coming months.

Hopefully, the political battles that may once again be brewing over the issue of private health care in Alberta won't end up degenerating into the all-out health-care wars that split the province during the Ralph Klein years.



Commentary

We're not as rich as we think

GLEN HODGSON

Alberta is arguably the most blessed jurisdiction in North America.

Despite the continued-bumpy global economic environment, prospects are better in Alberta than in every other state and province in North America, with the Conference Board of Canada forecasting average growth of 3.0 per cent in 2013. The unemployment rate has already dipped to 4.8 per cent, and we expect private investment growth to remain robust. Alberta has closed the output gap caused by the 2008-09 recession and is moving back to its full growth potential.

So why is Alberta in such a muddle when it comes to fiscal policy? Why are fiscal deficits growing again, rather than shrinking back to a balanced budget as planned? The simple answer is that raising revenue for the provincial government in an energy export-driven economy has seemed too easy for too long. The apparent ease of generating revenue has created the false impression that spending growth could proceed with few constraints. And now, fiscal reality is biting.

Like it or not, Alberta remains a boom-bust economy, driven to a great degree by the global commodity cycle. When global (i.e. Chinese and American) demand for energy and other resources is growing strongly, the revenues pour into Alberta's coffers from rising incomes and growing energy royalties. But when there are hiccups in the global economy – as occurred repeatedly during 2011 and 2012 – that revenue growth stream is interrupted, and government finances

can quickly shift into larger fiscal deficits. Moreover, current transportation bottlenecks are proving costly for the provincial treasury – Alberta's producers are taking heavy price discounts on oil and bitumen production and the problem will not be resolved quickly.

With this reality as a backdrop, Alberta's approach to fiscal policy needs a fresh re-think. Public finances are heavily exposed to global commodity prices and can exacerbate the boom/bust cycle. Not having a provincial consumption or sales tax is highly popular and has been great politics, but it denies the provincial government a steady and stable source of revenue through the business cycle. It also feeds the illusion of Albertans being richer than they really are – and governments are de facto pressured to use royalty earnings from non-renewal energy and other resources to pay for current government spending on health care, education and other highly-valued public services. This builds the illusion that Albertans can get something they value (hospitals, schools and public infrastructure) without having to pay the full price. Low rates of taxation on personal and corporate income, while popular, add to the wealth illusion and increase the pressure to find revenues from other sources.

What's the right solution? Alberta's policies and practices should be re-designed to strengthen the fiscal base and dampen the impact of external market forces. Specifically, within a plan to maintain a balanced budget over time, the province should be banking a growing portion of its

expanding energy royalties (like Norway), rather than spending them today. This means expanding the tax base and specifically taxing current consumption to pay for current government services. It means a more measured expansion in public services, recognizing that Alberta can probably still grow spending on health and education faster than almost anyone else in the industrial world. And it means steady growth in private investment, while being careful to avoid excessive exuberance through regular dialogue among the key players.

This kind of advice was offered two years ago by David Emerson and his fellow commissioners in their report *Shaping Alberta's Future*. The advice was solid and correct – even if it was generally ignored. It remains the right fiscal advice today.

Moreover, Alberta (and Canada) is facing the major structural challenge of an aging population and workforce, which is making it increasingly difficult for Alberta-based firms to find the talent they need to sustain their planned business path. The days of very tight labour markets and rapidly rising wages in Alberta, as experienced in 2005-07, have returned.

The time has come for Alberta to modernize its tax revenue base and chart a more sustainable economic path. The current renewed fiscal pressures reinforce the need to re-think Alberta's approach to fiscal policy.

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.
 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.
 MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, February 13 at 4:30 p.m.
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Figure skating Fun Meet in Didsbury

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club hosted the Rising Stars Fun Meet at the Didsbury Memorial Complex last Saturday, with 35 flights – or teams – and about 110 skaters showing off their skills.

Rose Schroeder, one of the Didsbury coaches, said the event went well.

"It's gone great. It's a fun meet, so it's not a traditional competition, but it still gives the kids the opportunity to skate their programs and get out in front of an audience, get that experience," said Schroeder.

Skaters from around the region competed against each other in events ranging from individual sets to team skill competitions, she noted.

"Everybody obtained a medal today. We ranked them according to their own ability, a lot of them, so everybody went home with a medal, and everybody had

a great time as well."

There were skaters, both male and female, from four to 17 years old, with some coming from Innisfail and others from Three Hills, she added.

"For a number of skaters, this gives them the opportunity to show their skills and programs in front of an audience, gives them experience and builds their confidence.

"It helps get rid of their stage fright and their parents and grandparents have the opportunity to see them skate in their fancy dresses and show off what they worked hard for all year."

She said that usually a fun meet is hosted in Didsbury once every five years, and there is usually at least one in the region that clubs can participate in each year.

"Skate Canada is changing things up a little bit, so there's a few more available, that's kind of becoming the trend," she noted, adding that there are usually three competitions a year for the

skaters to participate in.

"It takes a lot of volunteers to put on something like this," she said. "And our club appreciates all the volunteers that we have."

"Our parent helpers, executives, coaches, and everybody had put in countless hours to put this on, and we're going to do it all again in the carnival on March 17."

She said that most of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club members practise three days a week, starting in October and ending in March.

The older skaters usually spend five or six hours a week on the ice and the younger Canskate group practise about an hour and a half per week, she added.

For anybody interested in learning more about the club, Schroeder said people can visit the club's website (www.didsburyfigureskating.com), and for those interested in joining, they are encouraged to contact the club through its website.



Kevin Vink/Didsbury Review

Emma Longeway of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club shows off her skills last Saturday, as the Innisfail team watches from the side.

Mayor's talk: Utility bill issues and troubleshooting



BRIAN
WITTAL

During the past two months the Town of Didsbury has been in the midst of a computer system software upgrade. This upgrade has taken staff members many hours to ensure that the information that transferred from one operating system to the other was done so correctly and efficiently, to reduce the disruption to both town operations and our services to residents.

Our utility bills for

January 2013 were not out as soon as we would have liked them to be, but we did anticipate that and were able to warn residents in December that this would happen. Unfortunately there are always a few bumps in the road that cause problems for a few and for that we apologize.

We ask that if there is an issue with your bill, please contact the Town of Didsbury office so we

can rectify it as soon as possible.

One of the areas of concern that the town has had for some time is regarding utility bills for properties that are rented out on a regular basis.

The town's policy is if the cost of utilities is not included in the monthly rental charge, then the town requires the renter to fill out an application and leave a deposit. Unfortunately the issue arises when a renter moves, and we are not

informed by them or the landlord, and they have an outstanding bill that is greater than the deposit they left with the town. Then taxpayers are paying for the outstanding amount owed.

The town is a provider of utilities to property owners in the town. It is important that residents understand that the town doesn't get its water free. We have to pay for it. Council has passed a policy that stipulates all utility accounts will be in the name of the

legal property owner so that if a utility account ends up in arrears, the town can apply the amount owing to the tax roll to ensure the owner will be responsible for all utility arrears and that all other taxpayers won't have to make up for this loss. This is something that most municipalities are either doing already or are also moving to, in an effort to cut back on unnecessary expenses to taxpayers.

For more information on the utility process, or to report an error on your current utility bill, please contact the Town of Didsbury at 403-335-3391.

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**Country Critters
4-H Multi Club Report**

Although we got off to a late start, the Country Critters 4-H Club has been very active.

- The dog group meets weekly, training our dogs, learning about their care and just enjoying them.
- Our beekeepers have been studying honey bees and their habits. Spring will be exciting as we will then be able to put all our bee yard plans to work for us.
- The alternative energy group has been studying solar power and how to make it work for us. Hopefully they will soon be ready to cook hot dogs for the club.
- Pellet gun care and safety has been the focus of this group, but the best part is always the target practice.
- Our cleaver kid has been busy too, working with her horse, learning to care for her as well as training and riding her.
- The club has also been busy as we participated in multi-judging and are preparing for public speaking and the winter camp-out.

We wish everyone a very happy New Year.

Community Resources

This is a free community event listing service, sponsored by area businesses, provided to non-profit organizations or local community groups. Listing is free to any non-profit organization or community group in the

Didsbury Review distribution area. While every effort will be made to ensure each request for publication is granted, the Didsbury Review does NOT GUARANTEE publication for a variety of reasons including space

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY - monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters

meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC DIDSBURY ARMY CADETS - Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM - Open 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed.; Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS. - Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S - meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

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BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS! Mountain View Optimists meets Tuesdays 7:30 pm at Sandy's in Olds. mountainviewoptimists@gmail.com

DIDSBURY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Fridays at 8:30 at the Masonic Hall, 21 Ave. & 21 St. Suzanne 403-337-3033 or Jennifer 403-335-8388.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS BEGIN THEIR FALL PRACTICES on Monday evening, Sept. 10 at 7pm. at the FIVE-0 club. If you like to sing come and join us, we are a fun group.

INVITATION TO ALL SENIORS: FRIENDS AND FUN PROGRAM - Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13, 2012 at 1:30pm. Free program of games, activities, special events & refreshments. Eldon Foote Hall. Ride? 403-335-4391.

COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL NIGHT - Adult co-ed drop-in Volleyball at Zion Church, Sun. Feb. 3. 7:00pm-9:00pm. \$2.00/night. Call Garnet 403-335-9820.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS SOCIETY - for lovers of art, culture and heritage of Didsbury & Mountain View County. Info at www.mountainviewartsociety.ca

or call 403-335-9445.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST Tues Feb 12, 2013 Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym Didsbury 9:30 AM. For reservations or more call Ann 403-335-8444

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DIDSBURY/CARSTAIRS meets each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00pm. Contact Ernie Ruckman. 403-335-4739. New Members Welcome!

SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER - February 12 at Knox United Church, 5:00pm. Supper. Worship at 6:30pm. Everyone Welcome (Donations Please)

LIONS COMMUNITY SHUTTLE BUS - Doing an extra run on 10% Tuesdays at AG Foods March 5 & April 2



Around Town

with the Didsbury Library

January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served - supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 402 335-4739 for more info.

February 1, 2, 3 and 4

Didsbury Library will be closed for inventory and cleaning. Our apologies for the inconvenience. The book return will be open and all check-ins will be exempt fines!

February 4

The Mountain View Arts Society is hosting its Annual General Meeting with a Wine & Cheese Celebration at 7 pm at the Didsbury Museum. Everyone is welcome to join us as we recap 2012 and look ahead to 2013. Special Guest Speaker: Jason Valteau, Award-winning Musician, Founder of the Mountain View Music Fest, Member of the Premier's Council on Arts & Culture. Come with your appetite, your questions and your ideas. Bring any friends who might be interested in joining our society as we move forward with our mandate to promote and encourage artistic opportunity here in Mountain View County. Membership renewals and purchases can be made from 6:30-7:00 pm, and are necessary in order to vote at the meeting.

February 5

Didsbury District Health Services Auxiliary AGM at 2 pm in the Unit 4 Meeting Room. Guest speaker is Ruth Jepson.

February 6

Movies @ the Library. This month's feature presentation is Skyfall 007. Show time is 7:00 pm. Admission is by donation - bring your own snacks. Pre-release screening sponsored by Front Porch Realty.

February 8 and 9

Friends of the Didsbury Library are hosting their book sale at the Didsbury Lawn Bowling Clubhouse 1619 22 Avenue. Payment is by donation. Proceeds to the Didsbury Municipal Library. 1000's of books to choose from sorted by genre and author.

February 11

5-0 Club Annual Meeting, 1:30 pm. Support your club by attending.

February 12

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast Tuesday Feb 12, 2013 9:30 AM. Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym, Didsbury. This month's feature is Custom Woolen Mills. For reservations or more info call Ann 403-335-8444.

February 13

Pot Luck at the 5-0 Club, 2500 15 Avenue, Wednesday, February 13. Members and Guests and your special Valentine are welcome. Share your favourite dish. Cist is \$3.00 per person. Dinner at 12:30 pm. Come out and enjoy!

February 14

Didsbury District Health Services Auxiliary Valentine Tea at 2 pm in the Unit 3 dining room. Bake sale, Craft Sale, White Elephant Table and Door Prize!

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@tibs.pri.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

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Knights of Columbus:
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
For more information
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403-556-3084

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Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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For information concerning the weekly activities
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Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
Rector - David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday each month

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Senior Pastor Mal Braun
Youth Pastor Josh Tiel
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#802 Secondary Highway 582
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Firehouse News: January

Blizzards, dense fog, and the odd warm day have all added up to a very slow month for fire calls.

In January we responded to a total of 10 calls, with the majority of them being medically-related. I believe that due to the advance weather warnings, people were prepared and took steps to reduce the chances of being involved in motor vehicle collisions on Alberta's highways.

Our job description of firefighter can be a little misleading since our scope of practice is so vast.

Since life protection and

fire suppression are our first two priorities, we purchased a multi-use rescue truck for our fleet.

The 2004 Freightliner can hold up to five members and can be seen responding to almost every fire call. There are 10 outside lockers that house all kinds of rescue equipment including the Jaws of Life, medical

kit, and spill cleanup tools. The rescue truck is also versatile in that it contains a command centre as well as a rehab centre in the rear for when long calls can be a burden on the firefighters.

The snowstorm that

rolled through early January was to blame for one vehicle rollover on the QEII Highway.

It had snowed pretty hard during the day, but after warming up in the afternoon, it had started to rain. Once it dropped below zero again, the roads turned into a skating rink.

Not only did we have to deal with the rollover and traffic that refused to slow down, people were falling down left and right.

Fast approaching is the FireFit Competition where firefighters from all around come to compete in relay competitions that include a dummy drag, tower climb, and hose hoisting.

The Didsbury Fire Department will be putting in teams to compete. There will be more information closer to the competition dates.



KYLE LEESON

RCMP making progress with priorities

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

A Didsbury RCMP official presented the detachment's third quarterly report of the regional Annual Performance Plan (APP) to town council on Jan. 22.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson walked council through some of the crime statistics and also asked council to start thinking about policing priorities for the next fiscal year, which starts in April.

"We want to focus on some very specific priorities so we can make a dent in whatever those priorities may be," Jacobson said to council.

Mayor Wittal asked if there were any specific things that the town office can help with.

"Just encouraging reporting so police can be aware as to where the

problems are coming from," said Jacobson.

Wittal noted that the town can use community literature to spread the word about important issues such as frauds and domestic abuse.

He added that he wants to make sure town officials are collaborating with the RCMP to make sure their prioritizing matches the police's approach to particular issues. He said he doesn't want council to hand down recommendations that would be counterproductive to what the RCMP have been doing already.

Jacobson explained that the plan is to get preferred priorities from Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, and Mountain View County, and make up a list of four or five specific priorities that can be applied everywhere.

"We want all our members - no matter where they are - to have the same focuses with their proactive time," he said.

"It really is where the RCMP is looking at tailoring our service to what the communities need."

He added that if the detachment does get a call that is not related to the priority list, members will not ignore it. The priority list is simply a tool that police can use to focus themselves when they are on proactive duty shifts.

In the APP report presented to council, written by Jacobson, he outlined the priorities of the town and the progress his detachment has made in each priority.

The priorities set out by officials in the jurisdiction of the Didsbury RCMP included community visibility, drugs, property crimes, traffic violations and domestic crimes.

The RCMP are on track to complete their goal of 400 combined school patrols, school visits and foot patrols, as well as the goal of completing 250 patrols to Cremona and proactively detect and deter crime, wrote Jacobson.

The police have held four community presentations related to drug use and abuse awareness, he added.

The report states that

two of these presentations were focused on parental recognition and awareness of drug use in youths and another presentation by Sgt. Donna Hanson from the Calgary RCMP drug section provided public information on how to recognize and report grow-ops and traffickers in the community.

The new Carstairs constable has also completed a presentation at one school and is currently lined up to complete a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) course with Grade 6 students in Carstairs, he wrote.

The priority on reducing property crime is focused on the goal of doing a combined total of 350 evening bar walks and evening persons checks, while continuing to provide information to the public on ways to prevent property-related victimization, he wrote, adding that, to date, 303 of these have been completed already.

The traffic priority has been lacking somewhat, due to detachment shortages, but RCMP have still worked with Community Peace Officers (CPOs) in joint force operations, for a total of six, where the goal is to reach 12 by year's end in April, he noted.

"Resource shortages have continued to impact the detachment's availability to break a member free from usual duties to focus specifically on this initiative," Jacobson wrote.

He added that the importance of these operations is recognized and that efforts will be made by the Didsbury detachment to arrange additional joint force operations in the last three months left to complete the APP.

There have been 361 traffic tickets or written warnings specific to speed, seatbelts and intersections issued over the first three quarters, and Jacobson added that he believes the detachment can reach its goal of 500 by April.

"It is noted that the enhanced position member in Carstairs has considerably more time to spend on proactive traffic (enforcement) than our other general duty members, and this has been to the benefit of the overall traffic enforcement efforts and results on our APP this last quarter," he wrote.

Lastly, the domestic priority was spearheaded by utilizing local media to highlight the issues surrounding domestic violence and abuse, and to encourage victims to report assaults and threats, he noted.

"A second goal is to partner with victim services and partake in the 12-week Healthy Conflict program..." he said.

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Bad luck last weekend for the Colts

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

With playoffs a mere four games away, the Mountainview Colts took a hard loss against the Airdrie Thunder last Saturday, losing 6-2.

As of press time, the Colts were sitting in fifth place out of the seven teams in the region, ahead of Stettler and Ponoka.

Assistant coach Mike Clark said the problem with Saturday night's game is that the Colts didn't hit hard enough in the first period, and by the time they had warmed up, they were already behind.

"First period we had four shots (on goal), in the second period we had 23," said Clark.

"They're hitting the goalie, they're getting the shots, but we're getting no luck. They're playing hard. Some are playing harder than others, but other than that, they're fighting their sticks, they just can't score."

The second period was much better, he said, with many shots on goal, as well as a couple of power plays, which helped to level out the score.

"The third period, it was 1-1 - they scored one, we scored one. So the goalies had a really good period. We just can't generate offence, and if you can't generate offence, you're not going to win."

He noted that if the team had been playing the first period like they played in the second and third, the outcome may have been different.

"But they didn't, so they're behind the 8-ball already - three-nothing. That's a big thing to overcome, and then it was 5-1, then 6-2. You can't have a period like that in the first period. You can't come out flat - and they came out flat."

The Colts didn't fare well against Stettler on Friday night either, he added.

"(The goalie's) belly is probably pretty sore, we gave him so many in the gut, but you know, we hit three sticks, hit the post, two wide-open nets, and the guys just missed."

The team was rushed and were getting too excited, which led to them making some mistakes, he noted.

"And Airdrie played really good - their goalie played fantastic. They had a better system and they scored when it mattered."

One of the problems they had was that the Colts would get a goal and Airdrie would turn it around and get one right after, he said.

"So it just seemed they were more prepared and they wanted it more than we did," he said.

With four games left before playoff selection, the Colts are going to need to push hard to qualify, he added, noting that they need to keep ahead of Stettler.

"So we've just gotta win a couple, and we play Cochrane, Ponoka, Red Deer, and Three Hills next, so it'll be a dash. So just whoever's ready and whoever wants it more

will be there."

Airdrie Thunder Coach Brandon Miller said that his team did put on a very good game.

"It looked like we were moving pretty good tonight for back-to-back games," said Miller. "We got pucks out of our end and pucks into Didsbury's end and happened to obviously work out for us."

"It was actually one of the better 60-minute games we've played this year, so hopefully we can keep it up."

Airdrie has four games left in the regular season as well, and is sitting at third in the region, he noted.

"Hopefully we can keep that spot rather than sinking back into fourth," he said.

He added that his team will be getting about a week off before the playoffs, so they will be getting in some good practice time and rest until the playoffs begin.



Kyle Messervy (27) dekes out an Airdrie player last Friday.

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COFFEE CONVERSATION - Peace Officer Derek Sutherland made a presentation last Wednesday, Jan. 23 on proper respect and treatment of dogs and other animals. About 20 people attended the Coffee and Conversation event at the Didsbury Museum.



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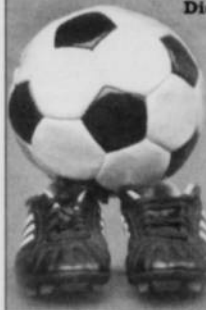
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Any questions contact:
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DHS graduate testing games for living

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

Miranda Leeson has been working as a game tester for nearly three years with Other Ocean Interactive in Newfoundland, but explains that it's not all fun and games, despite the fact that she plays games for a living.

"It can be tedious, but repetition gets results, that's every job," says the Didsbury High School graduate, referring to the process of finding bugs and glitches in the games.

"It's not like that movie *Grandma's Boy*, where you're sitting around playing video games all day. It's not like that," she says.

On an average day, Leeson explains that she spends either five or eight hours on one or two particular games, depending on the work that needs to be done, and performs what is called destructive testing.

"Basically, it's going through a game and doing strictly the opposite of what any player would do. Like, say, crashing into walls, jumping and falling down pits and making sure you don't randomly appear in different areas."

This process helps to eliminate the glitches that real

players may experience in the game, she says.

Once bugs are found, she fills in a report as to how she found them, and gives the report to the programmers.

"Half the time when (the programmers) come into our side of the office, they ask us where we found the issue and they start talking in their programmer speak, it's like 'English please!' I can't understand half of what they say," she laughs.

"You don't necessarily have to have a certain quota (of bugs) per day, we just have to have at least some bugs - you can't just keep going with zero per day, otherwise that would look bad on your history with the company."

Many people don't know that testers need an education, she says.

"A lot of people think you don't need an education for this - you just go in and play games and you're done."

"You have to find bugs for your quota, you have to write up your documents pertaining to that data, you have to describe how you discovered the bug and how you're able to reproduce it, and how many times you can reproduce it," she explains.

One interesting bug she found was when she was playing South Park: Tenorman's Revenge for Xbox.

"With the Xbox controller, I pushed the left and right trigger, I held the B and A buttons, and pressed the left analog stick upwards all at once, and I ended up making the elevator go right above the screen," she says.

"It just moved off, killed the characters and completely froze the game. It was great, just completely random too. You just have to mash buttons and make sure you're getting all the bugs. You have to use your imagination when it comes to that."

Leeson found the job while she was attending Mount Royal University and says she decided to apply for an office administration role, which she obtained a degree in from the University of Alberta.

"I didn't hear back from them for about six months and then I got a call for an interview," she explains.

During the interview, she was asked all the usual questions, as well as what bugs she's discovered in her gaming history.

"As long as you don't use World of Warcraft examples, then you're golden. Those games are filled with bugs," she jokes.

She was told that there weren't any administration roles, but there were available jobs in quality assurance. Leeson now works on the east coast in a diverse office with staff from across the world, which she says she enjoys.

"It's pretty nice. It's actually nice to not have an office that's very clique-based. Everyone talks to each other. They're not just in their own little sections - we're pretty much all friends and family."



Miranda Leeson

Submitted

Peacock has found its home

BY PATRICIA RILEY
For the Review

The peacock that was roaming Sundre recently has safely been returned to its home.

The owner claimed the bird at the Medicine River Wildlife Centre about mid-week last week, said Carol Kelly, the centre's executive director.

"They were an extremely nice family and they gave us a nice donation for rescuing it," said Kelly.

The owners have several peacocks so when this one escaped they didn't notice right away, she said.

"They've put it back with the rest of its little flock," said Kelly, adding that the owners offered the staff an option to purchase a peacock from their farm.

The owners live in the Sundre area, so the peacock didn't go far before it was lured into a cage by Town of Sundre public works officials, who then took it to the rescue centre.

It was found near Piros on Jan. 18, after a tip from a truck driver told town officials they saw it jump out of the back of a gravel truck when it was stopped at the lights in town.

Kelly said if the peacock was not claimed by the end of last week that they had another home arranged for it.

Someone who had owned peacocks a few years ago contacted the centre and said they were willing to take the bird.

The owners of the peacock offered the sale of one of their other peacocks to them as well.

Recreational drug kills Innisfail teen

BY JOHNNIE BACHUSKY
For the Review

Innisfail RCMP are issuing a warning to recreational drug users to stay away from a new powerful pill substance circulating in the region that claimed the life of a local teenager on Jan. 20.

RCMP Cpl. A.J. Mand said a 19-

year-old male died at home after taking a pill, described as a mixture of fentanyl and OxyContin, that was inscribed with the initials CND. He said it is not known at this time how many of the pills the deceased consumed. However, he said the substance was not manufactured by an accredited pharmaceutical company.

"Young people have to be aware of

what they are purchasing. You never know the mixture you might be getting," said Mand, who said earlier this month there are drug problems with the young in town. "Losing a life at such a young age is tragic. It not only affects the community but also the family and anyone associated with the deceased."

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Elinor Doreen Clarke (Klein) March 20, 1928 – January 21, 2013



The Angels came for mom on January 21, 2013. Elinor was born in Didsbury to Frieda and Irwin Klein on March 20, 1928. She attended school in Didsbury and had resided in Didsbury her entire life. She married the love of her life, John Howard Clarke on June 9, 1949. She worked at the Didsbury Creamery for many years and then the Didsbury Nursing Home until retirement. She was a very active member of the Didsbury Royal Purple, locally, District and Nationally. She enjoyed her dogs, doing puzzles, playing solitaire, and especially spoiling her grand and great grandchildren. Elinor is preceded in death by her infant son, Kenny; her parents, Irwin and Frieda and son-in-law, Ken. Elinor will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Jack; sons, Steve (Vickie), Tom (Dawn), Michael (Joanie); daughters, Shirley (Bill) and Joanna (Shane); 10 grandchildren, Jonathan, Jesse, Billea, Kyle, Justin, Joshua, Matthew, Coby, Chris and Robbie and 7 great grandchildren, Cole, Jaiden, Oliver, Gracie, Maxwell, Gabi, Adelaide; sister Valeda and brother Robert (Karen); numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends will forever remember Elinor. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Rockyview Hospital Staff, the Didsbury Palliative Care Staff and a special thanks to Pam for the compassion shown to mom. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Children's Wish Foundation, Suite 271, 339 50th Avenue SE, Calgary, AB, T2E 5A5. A private family service will be held at a later date. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.mylalternatives.ca



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